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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TRAVEL BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND PARTY - JOINT COMMERCIAL

COMMISSION: PROCEDURES AND AGENDA

REF: STATE 056971

1. ROMANIAN OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO WORKING GROUPS BEING FORMED TO DISCUSS MAJOR TOPICS UNDER SUBPARA (ROMAN NUMERALS) 1, 2, AND 3 OF PARA 5, REFTEL, ADDITIONAL SUBGROUPS BE SET UP ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SECTOR TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN A) MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY, B) CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, C) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND D) RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY. (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ROMANIANS SUGGESTED COULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN FRAMEWORK OF FIRST TWO INDUSTRY SUBGROUPS.) THIS IS DEVICE USEFULLY EMPLOYED IN OTHER JOINT COMMISSIONS, ACCORDING TO GOR OFFICIALS, AND SUGGESTION WAS MADE FOR CONSIDERATION AS METHOD OF OPERATION EITHER DURING THIS OR LATER MEETINGS. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT THIS KIND OF BREAKDOWN MAY BE MORE USEFUL IN FOLLOWING MEETINGS AFTER COMMISSION IDENTIFIES INDIVIDUAL SECTORS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND BACKGROUND. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT IN NAMING ABOVE SECTORS, GOR IS IN EFFECT LISTING ITS PRIORITY INDUSTRIES

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AND INTERESTS. PRACTICAL MANIFESTATION OF THIS IS NOMINATION OF

TWO EXTRA MEMBERS TO ROMANIAN SECTION, BOTH OF MINISTER RANK, IN MACHINE BUILDING AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES. SINCE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING TRADE AND COOPERATION WOULD LIKELY LIE IN THESE AND OTHER PRIORITY AREAS, WE FEEL US SECTION SHOULD MAKE GENERALLY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO GOR PROPOSAL, AND PLAN TO WORK INTO THIS KIND OF SUBGROUP ORGANIZATION SOON, PERHAPS IN NEXT MEETING.

2. GOR REPS REQUESTED THAT US SECTION CLARIFY ISSUES US PLANS TO RAISE UNDER ITEM "CONTRACT FULFILLMENT". PLEASE ADVISE.

3. CLARIFICATION OF ROMANIAN ITEMS "NON-TARIFF BARRIERS" AND "COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY" WILL FOLLOW AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS.

4. NAMES OF OTHER OFFICIAL ROMANIAN DELEGATES FOLLOW.

5. CONCERNING EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS, AMBASSADOR BARNES WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND FIRST AND FINAL PLENARY SESSIONS WITH SECRETARY DENT. FIRST SECRETARY FOR ECON/COMM AFFAIRS, DON BRAMANTE, AND SECOND SECRETARY ECON/COMM AFFAIRS INTS SILINS WOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN COMMISSION MEETINGS ON ALTERNATE BASIS.  
BARNES

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